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Weekend Mass Times

1st & 3rd weekend of the Month

1st Saturday: Warrack	6.30pm
3rd Saturday :Beulah	7.00pm
1st Sunday: Hopetoun	9.00am
Beulah	10.30am

2nd & 4th weekend of the Month

Saturday Minyip	6.30pm
Sunday Warrack	8.30am
Nhill	10.30am

Lay Led Assemblies are held when no Mass is Scheduled

Hopetoun Sunday	9.00am
Rainbow Sunday	9.30am
Beulah Sunday	9.30am
Warrack Sunday	9.00am
Minyip Sunday	10.00am
Kaniva Sunday	9.00am
Nhill Sunday	10.30am

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Palm Sunday: Normal times of the 3rd weekend.

Holy Thursday:

Nhill—5.00pm
Warrack— 7.00pm
Hopetoun—8.30pm

Good Friday:

Warracknabeal—3.00pm
Nhill—3.00pm

Easter Vigil: (Saturday)

Nhill—5.00pm
Warrack—7.00pm
Hopetoun—8.30pm

Easter Sunday:

Rainbow—9.00am
Minyip—9.00am

Pray for our Sick

Marj Parker & Una Bartlett

Recent Deaths

Harry Baker & Renee Judd

Prayer for Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father.
 And have told us that whoever see's you, see's him'
 Show us your face and we shall be saved.
 You are the visible face of the Invisible Father, of the God who manifests his
 Power above all by forgiveness and mercy.
 Send your spirit and consecrate every one of us
 with the Spirits anointing
 so that the Jubilee of Mercy
 may be a year of grace from the Lord.
 And your church, with renewed enthusiasm ,
 +may bring good news to the poor.
 We ask this of you, Lord Jesus through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy
 You who live and reign with the Father And the Holy spirit for ever and ever. AMEN

**Sunday 20th March
Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday.

Today, we are celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (which we usually call "Palm Sunday", because the crowd welcomed Him by spreading palm branches in His path). Those who greeted Him, were convinced He was the Messiah or the King, sent by God to establish His Kingdom on earth.

It must have been a dramatic sight as Jesus approached Jerusalem on a donkey (which was a sign of His humility). The Bible says that, "the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices...."Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Luke 19:37-38). Even those who weren't part of that welcoming crowd listened eagerly to His teaching's during the next few days. But, not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Him; the very next verse says that "the whole city was stirred and asked "who is this?". But next week many turned against Jesus and demanded His death: "what shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

Were the people disappointed because he refused to establish an earthly political kingdom? Probably, yes. But Jesus didn't come to set up a new political system. He came instead to change our hearts and give us salvation by His death and resurrection. He declared during last week, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight..... "My kingdom is from another place". This deeply disappointed those who hoped He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers. They may also have disliked His demand that they repent.

It's easy to condemn those who condemned Jesus—but would we have acted any differently? We too are sinners, and we too have rebelled against God. But the central message of Easter is that God still loved us, and because of Christ we can be forgiven. He came for one reason: "Christ died for our sins, for all.... To bring you to God" May we welcome Him into our life during this Holy season.

Easter School Holidays

Our School's start an Easter break beginning on Thursday 24th March. Easter is one of the most important holidays for our School family. We wish you all a good Easter celebration and a happy and safe holiday. This Easter may we all be blessed with love, life and happiness. May our lives be touched by the true meaning of the Easter.

Good Friday Collection 2016

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christian's in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, school orphanages' and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which puts a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'

Reflection

This week each year, Christians are drawn to Jerusalem, if not in body, at least in mind. They stand at the foot of the Cross, beating their breasts, and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth. They listen with reverence as he prays for his killers: 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do'. But when the week is over they return to their homes to resume their deep rooted spites and the burden of things they can't forgive. Let us not then weep for Jesus. Let us weep for our own sins. Then maybe, like Jesus, we will be able to forgive others who sin against us.

This Week's Roster— 20/3/2016

Lay Leaders	Reader & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaners
K Bendall & D Munro	L Fraser	C Kennedy	R Weir	E Cameron	C Kennedy & M Waugh

Next week's Roster—Easter Vigil

Readers & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Offertory Procession	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaner
	L Grayling	E Cameron	R Weir	D & A Munro	C Kennedy & M Waugh

Easter Ceremonies: Please see Ann this morning if you can assist in any way with our special ceremonies next weekend.

Next Weekend's Mass Times

Easter Sunday

Saturday—Nhill—5.00pm
Warrack—7.00pm
Hopetoun—8.30pm
Sunday— Rainbow—9.00am
Sunday—Minyip—9.00am

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Last Weekends Collections

Warrack:

Planned Giving \$126.00

Presbytery \$169.30

Beulah

Presbytery \$41.00

Nhill

Planned giving \$ 62.00

Presbytery \$ 164.00

Minyip

Planned Giving \$23.00

Presbytery \$42.10

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